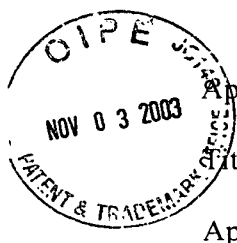


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



Applicant: O'Connor et al.  
 Title: Hydrogel Particle Formulation  
 Appl. No.: 09/922,218  
 Filing Date: 08/03/2001  
 Examiner: Rachel M. Bennett  
 Art Unit: 1615

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
 PO Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

[ ] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

[ X ] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

|   | Claims<br>As<br>Amended |                          | Previously<br>Paid For |   | Extra<br>Claims<br>Present |   | Rate     |   | Additional<br>Claims Fee |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|----------|---|--------------------------|
| Total Claims:   | 49                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | 42                     | = | 7                          | x | \$18.00  | = | \$126.00                 |
| Independents:   | 6                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5                      | = | 1                          | x | \$86.00  | = | \$86.00                  |
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| CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:                                       |                         |                          |                        |   |                            |   |          |   | = \$212.00               |

[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>               | Extension for response filed within the first month:             | \$110.00   | \$0.00    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>               | Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):                | \$110.00   | \$0.00    |
|  | Information Disclosure Statement (fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)) |            | \$180.00  |
| CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND OTHER FEE TOTAL: |  |            | \$1342.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>               | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):                   |            | \$0.00    |
| TOTAL FEE:                             |  |            | \$1342.00 |

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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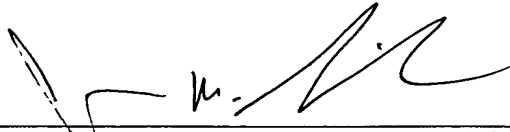
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 1, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The period for response has been extended up to November 3, 2003 (November 1st being a Saturday) by the attached three (3) month extension of time included in the attached Amendment Transmittal. Although applicants believe that the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this document.

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